

POLITICIANS WAIL AS MILLER LOPS OFF 1,200 PLACES

Refusal to Raise Pay of
Many State Employees
Also Brings Gloom.

SURPRISE TO LEADERS

Pap Fattened Bosses Try
Pressure, but It Brings
No Results.

'GOOD FELLOWS' MUST GO

Narcotic Drugs Control and
Military Training Com-
missions Left in Cold.

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Politicians who have been fattening off the State for many years, and who have been holding and increasing their prestige in their districts by obtaining State jobs for their more deserving followers, are weeping bitter tears now that they have learned that Gov. Miller and the leaders of the Legislature are in earnest about their campaign promises of retrenchment. The State budget, which will be introduced to-morrow night, not only is many millions lower than the total of requests, but it is \$10,000,000 lower than that of last year. It will total \$135,000,000, and will spell the end of 1,200 jobs in the various departments and bureaus of the State government.

The political leaders made the most strenuous efforts to retain the jobs they had selected for their favorites, but their efforts have been unavailing. So far as can be learned, political influence has not been able to save one single job, although the politicians have appeared before Gov. Miller and before Senator Charles J. Hewitt, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, literally with their hats in their hands and begged for some little tidbit to fulfill their political obligations and promises. But the budget makers have gone ahead with their idea of operating the State's business as economically as if it were a private enterprise. Virtually every State department and bureau supplies its quota of the 1,200 employees who are to be let out because they are not necessary. The exceptions were the Banking and Insurance departments, on account of the increase in the number of banking and insurance companies, but so long as the companies pay the entire expense of the operation of these departments a cut there was not necessary from the State's standpoint.

Looked for the Old Time Bank.

"The experience of the budget makers," said Senator Hewitt, to-night, "shows that neither department heads nor political leaders at first took seriously Gov. Miller's announcement for a radical economy programme. They apparently considered it the same as retrenchment pledges of previous administrations, high sounding and determined before election, but to be forgotten after January 1. They found to their sorrow that this time it was not forgotten. They appeared before the finance committee early in the session with their usual requests for salary increases, and were amazed and chagrined to find the budget makers actually putting the retrenchment programme into operation. They were told without ceremony that there were to be no salary increases. They made an awful fuss at first," said Senator Hewitt. "They told us that their employees could not live on the salaries they were getting, that they would lose their best men and that their forces would collapse. When they found we were determined they came back here."

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METHODISTS TO FIGHT OVER "WESLEYAN" DANCE ISSUE

Entire Subject of Amusements Will Be Threshed Out
at New York Conference, Including Admission
of Stage Folk in the Church.

Dancing masters of New York will not submit quietly to the interdiction by the Asbury Park conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church against "The Wesleyan," a dance invented by the American National Association, Masters of Dancing. Resolutions adopted by the New Jersey Methodists describe the dance as "unholy." But Louis H. Chalfie, 142 West Fifty-seventh street, says it is something between a waltz and minuet, danced to three-quarter time. Chalfie is former president of the New York Dancing Teachers Society, and he is prepared to defend "The Wesleyan" when the New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church meets at Cornwall on the Hudson late in April. A skirmish is expected at the Cornwall conference, not only on the issue of dancing but the whole matter of the Methodist Episcopal Church's attitude toward amusements. In fact, John Wesley, founder of Methodism, danced with his sister. His attitude toward amusements was not the later Methodist amusement ban. "Synthe, who lives at the National Republican Club, thinks that the action at Asbury Park did not close the controversy of the church ban on amusements, but rather reopened it. He, for one, has not laid down his arms against the ban in the Book of Discipline against dancing, attending theaters, horse racing and circuses. Synthe attended a Methodist Episcopal church yesterday morning and then listened with interest to a reading of the statement of Chalfie.

two weeks ago and begged us to keep on all employees at their present salaries. But they were not for another surprise when we informed them that with last year's budget as a basis they had to reduce their appropriations from 10 to 15 per cent.

Political bosses from various counties, where they had been feeding pretty liberally at the public crib, then began to bring pressure. "He is a pretty good fellow, let him stay on," was the argument many of them used. But when they used that argument or hesitated it was fatal to the "good fellows."

Unnecessary Forces Let Go.

"Let me to show you that a man was absolutely needed," said Senator Hewitt. "That was the only argument we listened to. Some department heads wanted us to keep on unnecessary employees so that they could get the benefit of the pension fund. That did not look like good business to me, but we agreed to let such employees take the money out of the pension fund that they had put in."

Senator Hewitt said that in most instances department heads were found to be convinced that the new administration meant business, were willing to aid in making the 10 and 15 per cent cuts.

Senator Hewitt said that State hospitals and institutions were found to be overcrowded, and that the retrenchment policy has not prevented adequate means of overcoming this condition. It is estimated that about 2,500 more beds will be provided. The new budget makes provisions for one attendant for every ten patients. Big savings were effected in the State institutions through the lowering cost of food and the cutting out of unnecessary equipment.

At one institution seventeen horses were found where only four were needed. At another the board wanted a special bus to carry patients back and forth. Inquiry showed only about one patient a week.

The new budget will contain no appropriation for either the Narcotic Drug Control Commission nor the State Military Training Commission, the abolishment of both of which Gov. Miller recommended. The bills repealing these laws have not yet been passed, but whether they are or not, the departments cannot function, because they will have no money.

KILLED BY SUBWAY TRAIN.

A man identified as John Auguston, captain of a lighter, from papers in his pockets which did not give his address, died yesterday from the downtown platform of the Kingsbridge station of the Jerome avenue subway, which is elevated at that point and was run over and killed by an incoming train. Several persons saw the accident. They told the police they did not believe the man jumped, but that he appeared to have slipped from the platform.

PERTH AMBOY GIRL KILLED NEAR HOME

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the city, and before that she had taken a prominent part in musical and social affairs of the Perth Amboy Baptist Church.

In addition to her church musical work Mrs. Wilson gave piano lessons to nearly fifty pupils and was active in concert work. The school in the morning held was discontinued in the morning sermon by Dr. Westcott.

Mrs. Wilson was known for her good looks. She was of medium height, with straight, glossy black hair and dark blue eyes. Mr. Stricker classified her as a "perfect Gibson girl." Four years ago she was married to Harvey Wilson, chemist, employed by Dressler & Rasmussen of Perth Amboy, known as "String Bean Wilson" in the days when he was star basketball player for the Perth Amboy High School, because of his height.

Differences of temperament arose which led the couple to live apart for three or four months. They were reunited, but about a year ago separated again. Mr. Wilson coming to New York to live and Mrs. Wilson supporting herself and her mother with her musical work. Mrs. Wilson said to be traveling in the West at present for his firm. The Wilsons had no children.

PASSAIC MAN KILLED IN REAR OF HIS STORE

Smothered by Towel Used as
Gag; Assault Fleece.

Samuel Kohn, proprietor of a men's apparel store at 34 Monroe place, Passaic, N. J., was found dead yesterday morning in his rooms at the rear of the store, dressed in his night clothes, with his head bound tightly with a towel. He had been suffocated. There were bruises on his face believed to have been caused by the fists of the burglar, who had ransacked the rooms. The store had not been robbed, and it is believed the thief had intended the towel to act as a gag only, but discovering that Kohn had smothered to death, he was overcome by fear and fled.

The storekeeper was regarded by his neighbors as well-to-do, and there was gossip that he had money hidden in the store or in the two small, barely furnished rooms which he made his home. It was believed the murder was committed by a man who decided to make a search for Kohn's rumored wealth. The intruder apparently crawled through a window which was at the side of Kohn's bed, and attacked him while he was asleep. Kohn evidently made a hard fight for his life. The body was found lying face down on the floor, a few feet from the bed. The room was disarranged, showing the effects of the struggle, but none of the other tenants heard a sound. It could not be determined whether the burglar took anything from the room.

BIGOTRY ATTACKED BY FATHER DUFFY

Religious Hostility in Present
Irish Situation Specially
Is Deplored.

Bigotry on the part of both Catholics and Protestants was attacked yesterday afternoon by Father Francis P. Duffy, chaplain of the old Sixty-ninth Regiment, at a meeting in the armory under the auspices of the Greater New York Committee of the American Committee for Relief in Ireland.

Father Duffy made no reference to the struggle going on between England and Ireland, devoting his remarks to the need for relief in the devastated parts of Ireland, and an expression of regret that there is a division on religious rather than economic grounds among Ireland's people.

"There is one cause of poverty and distress in Ireland that has not been injected by outside sources, but by an Irish element," he said. "The labor unions, I am sorry to say, have made one conspicuous mistake in Ireland, a mistake made nowhere else in the world. The man working for Guinness in Dublin and the man working for Harlan & Wolff in Belfast should get together on a basis of economics, though the one in Dublin is a good Catholic and the one in Belfast is a good Presbyterian. We of the Church should not make war on the Protestants to do their share, and more than their share, if they want to, in the government in Ireland. There should be no rift between Irish workingmen, however. Labor in England, Ireland and America should get together to improve the workingmen in Ireland who have driven 6,000 fellow workers out of employment simply because they were Catholics."

Father Duffy, in scathingly denouncing religious warfare, described it as "men killing one another for the love of God," and pointed out that in Australia the labor unions, seeing that such divisions among themselves weakened the workmen in dealing with his employers, put a stop to conflicts between the Orange and Green.

"And when religious wars are settled the gladdest of all are the priests and ministers who never had any quarrel with each other as such," he said. "You yourselves know many a town where the two best cronies who meet every night for a cigar together are the parson and the priest."

SHOTGUN TERROR BLAMES ROBBERS

Man Who Wounded Two
Policemen and a Civilian
Held in Jersey City.

Andrew M. Pecculilli of 214 Devon terrace, Kearny, N. J., who shot and wounded two policemen and a civilian yesterday morning, was arraigned before Recorder Wimmer in Kearny yesterday and held without bail to await the action of the Hudson county Grand Jury. He was charged with shooting with intent to kill. He was taken to Jersey City and locked up.

Chief Walter Oliver of the Kearny Police Department said that the story told by Pecculilli of being attacked by two robbers, who had stolen \$271 from him, was untrue. The facts in the case, he said, were that Pecculilli had suddenly pointed a shotgun at Andrew Zerbitzky, with whom he lived, and demanded \$1,000. Zerbitzky said he gave the man \$720 and promised to get more, whereupon Pecculilli let him leave the house. But after he had gone Pecculilli, the police say, went to the front door and began firing into the air, attracting the attention of neighbors, who notified the police.

Patrolmen Robert Patterson and William Patridge and Frank Witter, a store keeper, who were shot by Pecculilli, were released yesterday from the West Hudson Hospital after a number of bullets had been dug from their flesh. An examination showed that twenty-five bullets had struck Patridge and thirty-seven had hit Witter. Patterson was struck in the eye and may lose his sight. The police who arrested Pecculilli found twenty-one empty shotgun shells on the kitchen floor and almost as many more on the stool.

SHOTS HALT DRUG SUSPECT

Mayor Lebowitz of 111 Debevoise street, Brooklyn, was arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Polwell in the Gates avenue court in Brooklyn, and held in \$1,500 for Special Sessions, charged with possessing heroin. Lebowitz was arrested Saturday by Detective Lieutenants Bernard Boylan and Joseph Mooney after several shots had been fired. Lieut. Mooney said he gave Lebowitz two marked \$10 bills in exchange for a quantity of heroin. The police said the marked bills were found in Lebowitz's pocket.

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